



**GARLAND**  
ANIMAL SERVICES

# Paws Newsletter

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## Get your pets ready for Summer



**All dogs  
must be on a  
leash and  
cats in  
carriers.**

**When:** Garland Animal Services  
600 Tower St.  
Garland, TX 75040

**Where:** May 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- \$10 Rabies vaccine
- \$5 DHHP
- \$5 FVRCP
- \$5 Deworming -pyrantel
- \$5 City registration spayed or neutered pet
- \$15 City registration unsterilized pet
- \$20 Microchip

Animal Shelter & Adoption Center  
600 Tower St.  
Garland, TX 75040  
Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
972-205-3570

## Locations

Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main St.  
Garland, TX 75040  
Mon.-Tue. & Thu.-Fri. 1 -5 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Third Sunday of each month  
open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



We will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



Summer is right around the corner. Please do not leave your pets in the car for any amount of time. A car can heat up in a matter of minutes and it can be very dangerous for any animal.

## Donations Needed

- BLEACH
- CAT LITTER
- DRY DOG/CAT FOOD
- DRYER SHEETS
- HAND SANITIZER/SOAP
- HE LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP
- NEWSPAPER
- PINESOL
- SOS PADS
- STAINLESS STEEL FOOD & WATER BOWLS

## Simple Yum Drops for Dogs



### Ingredients:

3 jars baby food meat (or veggies)  
1 and 1/2 c wheat germ (or cream of wheat)

### Instructions:

Mix ingredients together well. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper covered plate and cover with wax paper. Cook on high in microwave for 5-8 minutes (until treats are formed and firm). Store in refrigerator.

## Thank You!



Shout out to Girl Scout Troop 1000 Cadets for all their hard work and donations! All the supplies they gathered were part of earning their Animal Helper badge. These hard working girls also received a tour of the shelter and a VIP question and answering session with Shelter Attendant Celena Ramirez and Community Resource/Rescue Coordinator Hugo Espinoza. They donated over 50 items for cats and dogs, we truly appreciate it. Supplies included litter, food, and toys! For a tour or to get information about what you can donate please contact Hugo Espinoza, Community Resource/Rescue Coordinator at [Hespinoz@garlandtx.gov](mailto:Hespinoz@garlandtx.gov).

## Summer Tips

By Senior Animal Services Officer Fred Pierdolla



Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do, such as overheating and dehydration. The following precautions can keep your pets happy and healthy:

- Summer check-up is a must. Ask your veterinarian to recommend a safe and effective flea and tick control program.
- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle. Even with the windows open, a parked vehicle can quickly become a furnace in no time.
- Always carry water when traveling with your pet.
- The right time for playtime is early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.
- Don't leave your dog standing on hot asphalt. Their body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during hot days to a minimum.
- Provide fresh water and proper shelter for animals kept outdoors.
- Good grooming can prevent summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a 1 inch length helps prevent overheating.



### **Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Low-Cost Vaccinations  
Garland Animal Services  
600 Tower St.  
Garland, TX 75040

### **May 7, 14, 20, 21**

Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In Basis)  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Garland Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040  
For Additional Information and Sterilization  
Scheduling  
call 940-566-5551 or email TCAP.

### **Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Garland Pawsibilities /Garland Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

## Employee of the Month



Emmanuel Vargas was elected this month's employee of the month. Officer Vargas has been a valuable asset to Garland Animal Services for well over 3 1/2 years. Emmanuel has always provided outstanding customer services and shown great compassion while not only dealing with the public but also while handling animals that he deals with on a day to day basis. Officer Vargas has always shown great motivation while at work, is a valued team player and has never failed to go above and beyond to ensure the citizens of Garland are provided with the finest services Animal Services can provide.

1. The most popular breed of dog is the Labrador. With their gentle nature, Intelligence, and obedience, they make for excellent pets and reliable workers. They often work as guide dogs.
2. The Greyhound is the fastest dog on earth and it can reach speeds of 45 miles an hour.
3. During the first week of a dog's life, 90% of their time is spent sleeping, and 10% is spent eating.
4. Puppies are born blind, without teeth, or the ability to hear. Their eyes first open at around 10 to 14 days old, their hearing starts soon after, and their teeth start coming through at 6 weeks.
5. The very first animal to go into space was a Russian dog named Laika who travelled in the spacecraft Sputnik around the earth in 1957.



## April Donations

Thank you all for your wonderful donations! We also want to thank everyone who donated toys, food, blankets and beds for our animals.

*Billie Simpson*  
*Cheryl Blakely*  
*Diana Santillana*  
*Domenico Piscioneri*  
*Don Hearold*  
*George Mulkey*  
*James Kennedy*  
*Jeanne Phillips*  
*Jorge Portillo*  
*Jose Rodriguez*  
*Julianne Donaghey*

*Kathleen Rogers*  
*Kristin Brown*  
*L. Gardiner*  
*Lasle Rankin*  
*Marianne Roberts*  
*Nancy King*  
*Noi Garcia*  
*Rose Birmingham*  
*Sandy Olive*  
*Sarah Bevers*  
*Sylvia Pellecer*

*Teresa Burton*  
*Tim/Lesa Libby*

## Statistics



102

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY RESCUE CLUBS

25

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES & PET ADOPTION CENTER

135

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER

118

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY THEIR OWNERS

5

PETS WERE SPONSORED

822

PETS WERE REGISTERED

808

STRAY ANIMAL CALLS RECEIVED

122

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY CITY VETERINARIAN

1,900

VISITORS



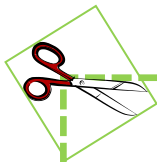
## Employee Spotlight

By Community Resource/Rescue Coordinator Hugo Espinoza

Officer Reinaldo Zavala has been with the City of Garland Animal Services Department for approximately 5 years. He was born and raised in Caguas, Puerto Rico and at the age of 18 moved to Orlando, Florida. He moved to the great State of Texas in 2003 and has been calling Garland his home since 2004. He has four children, three boys and one girl. You might have recognized one of his boys, he was the youngest competitor in the last Master Chef Junior TV competition on FOX. He loves to assist coaching his son's soccer team, and loves taking his children fishing. Officer Zavala and his family love spending time outdoors and enjoy traveling. His peers describe him as a leader and a role model. With the support of his family and his wife, Officer Zavala has been able to accomplish many things in his personal and work life.

Mayor Douglas Athas, on behalf of the City Council, awarded Reinaldo Zavala with the Excellence in Neighborhood Service Award as an excellent representative of the City of Garland this past April. This award is presented to nominees that have been appointed by their peers. Officer Zavala is one of this department many keys to success and achieving goals that are set. We all feel that Officer Zavala goes above and beyond his duties to ensure effectiveness with citizens and his fellow employees. He is one to step up to the plate with any challenge or troubling issues, and is swift in finding a solution. Officer Zavala is one that any coworker can look to when help is needed, and never thinks twice about it. He has earned multiple employee of the quarter and employee of the month awards. His contributions to Animal Services have also led him to earn an employee of the year award.





## In Memory Donation

I would like to make a donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please mail this form and check to:

Abe J. Tuggle Animal Shelter and Adoption Center  
P.O. Box 469002  
Garland, TX 75046

**\*\*Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. \*\*\***

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement letter to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



All donations are tax deductible and we will mail you a receipt.

## Garland Animal Shelter Adoption Sponsorship Program



I wish to support adoption of hard to place: (check one of the following) ☐ dogs ☐ cats ☐ dogs and cats

by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help prepay the \$80 or \$35 adoption fee.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the "City of Garland Animal Adoption Sponsorship."

Please mail this form and check to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Your contribution toward Garland's "Adoption Sponsorship" program will be used to prepay the adoption fee of an animal that would otherwise likely not be adopted. We put a "prepaid" sign on the animal's cage at the shelter, and those looking for a pet will be much more likely to adopt a prepaid animal. Your contribution is tax deductible, and we will mail you a receipt. For contributions of at least \$80, we will email you the photo of the dog(s) and/or cat(s) you sponsored when they are adopted if you would like to receive the photo. We will also include your name as a "sponsor" on the "prepaid" sign on the cage if you would so desire.

I would like to get an E-mail photo: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to include my name on the "prepaid" sign: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Officer Hugo Espinoza at (972) 205-3571.

